

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015  
FOURTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

[HB 5.](#)

By Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Kidd of the 145th, McCall of the 33rd, Rice of the 95th, and Bentley of the 139th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to invasions of privacy, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for the lawful use of unmanned aircraft; to prohibit the capturing of certain images by unmanned aircraft; to prohibit the possession, disclosure, display, distribution, or other use of such improperly captured images; to provide for penalties; to provide for defenses to prosecution; to restrict the use of such images; to provide for civil actions for violations; to provide for rule-making authority for the Department of Public Safety for law enforcement use of such unmanned aircraft; to provide for certain reports; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 284.](#)

By Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Parsons of the 44th, Willard of the 51st, Kidd of the 145th, and Welch of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding public utilities, so as to provide that in the event of litigation against a gas company or electric utility to enjoin, prevent, stop, or delay the construction by such gas company or electric utility of a facility to be used by the gas company or public utility for the provision of gas or electrical service to customers in this state, the losing party shall be required to pay attorney's fees and costs of litigation to the winning party; to provide for exceptions; to provide for certain notices; to provide for sanctions for failure to provide such notices; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

[HB 285.](#)

By Representatives Stephens of the 164th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-40.26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to an income tax credit for film, video, or digital production in Georgia, so as to change certain qualifications for such credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 286.](#)

By Representatives Yates of the 73rd, Hitchens of the 161st, and Deffenbaugh of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to prestige license plates and special license plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to provide for a definition of "disabled veteran"; to provide for issuance of free motor vehicle license plates to disabled veterans; to provide for eligibility; to provide for revalidation of such license plates; to provide for the transfer of such license plates upon death; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for a definition of "disabled veteran" for homestead

exemption purposes; to provide for an exemption to motor vehicle ad valorem taxes for disabled veterans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[HB 287.](#)

By Representatives Kirby of the 114th, England of the 116th, Broadrick of the 4th, Battles of the 15th, Cantrell of the 22nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 19 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the parent and child relationship generally, so as to provide for definitions; to provide that it shall be unlawful for any person or entity to intentionally or knowingly create or attempt to create an in vitro human embryo by any means other than fertilization of a human egg by a human sperm; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 288.](#)

By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Tanner of the 9th, Epps of the 144th, Gardner of the 57th, Reeves of the 34th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 37-2-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, membership, meetings and obligations, so as to provide for two additional members to serve on the behavioral health coordinating council; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

[HB 289.](#)

By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Thomas of the 56th, and Kaiser of the 59th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor fuel tax, so as to extend the exemption for a limited period of time for certain public mass transit vehicles; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 290.](#)

By Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Rice of the 95th, Williams of the 168th, Powell of the 32nd, Roberts of the 155th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions regarding the uniform rules of the road, so as to require the securing or containing of live animals in the back of motor vehicles operated on certain roads; to provide for exceptions; to provide for a fine; to specify the basis for probable cause; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[HB 291.](#)

By Representatives Powell of the 32nd and Rice of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-152 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and alternative ad valorem taxation of apportionable vehicles, so as to revise and change certain provisions regarding the distribution of

alternative ad valorem tax proceeds; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 293.](#)

By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Rogers of the 29th, Clark of the 101st, Jones of the 167th, Mitchell of the 88th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, so as to provide a new exemption from state sales and use tax only for a limited period of time regarding the sale of school musical instruments; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 294.](#)

By Representatives Rutledge of the 109th, Douglas of the 78th, Strickland of the 111th, Welch of the 110th, Knight of the 130th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Stockbridge to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 295.](#)

By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Jacobs of the 80th, Willard of the 51st, Fleming of the 121st, Evans of the 42nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 14 of the O.C.G.A., relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations, so as to change certain provisions relating to definitions, name registration, service of process, and reinstatement following administrative dissolution; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 296.](#)

By Representatives Nix of the 69th, Clark of the 101st, Dudgeon of the 25th, Beskin of the 54th, Kaiser of the 59th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-2114 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications for the scholarship program for special needs students, so as to expand eligibility for the program to certain lawful refugees and asylees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 297.](#)

By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Nix of the 69th, Geisinger of the 48th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Maxwell of the 17th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appointment and general powers of division director, members and meetings of professional licensing boards, examination standards, roster of

licensees, and funding, so as to provide for professional licensing boards to make designations for the receipt and processing of applications for examination; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[HB 298.](#)

By Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Willard of the 51st, Oliver of the 82nd, Beskin of the 54th, Pak of the 108th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 9-11-4.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certified process servers, so as to repeal the sunset and legislative review provisions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 299.](#)

By Representatives Dunahoo of the 30th, Williams of the 119th, Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Williamson of the 115th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for contracts, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for the imposition of convenience fees upon payments for certain loans or purchases when paid by electronic means; to provide for notice of the imposition of convenience fees; to provide for exclusions and applicability; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on BANKS & BANKING

[HB 300.](#)

By Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Stephenson of the 90th, Jacobs of the 80th, Mosby of the 83rd, Holcomb of the 81st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401), as amended, so as to establish the traffic division of said court; to provide for judges; to provide for initial terms and elections; to provide for the assignment of cases; to provide for a solicitor and clerk; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 301.](#)

By Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Stephenson of the 90th, Jacobs of the 80th, Mosby of the 83rd, Holcomb of the 81st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating and establishing the Recorder's Court of DeKalb County, approved March 17, 1959 (Ga. L. 1959, p. 3093), as amended; to provide for the transfer of certain pending cases and court records; to provide for a solicitor of the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 302.](#)

By Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Stephenson of the 90th, Jacobs of the 80th, Mosby of the 83rd, Holcomb of the 81st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the compensation of certain county officers and officials of DeKalb County, approved March 31, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3986), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 30, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4016), so as to increase the salary of the Chief Magistrate of DeKalb County; to establish salaries of the associate judges of the traffic division of the State Court of DeKalb County; to establish the salary of the Clerk of the State Court of DeKalb County; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 303.](#)

By Representatives Hightower of the 68th, Mabra of the 63rd, Kelley of the 16th, Atwood of the 179th, Weldon of the 3rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-7-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uninsured motorist coverage under motor vehicle liability policies, so as to change provisions relating to the recovery when an insurer refuses to pay for a loss within 60 days after a demand has been made by the insured and a finding has been made that such refusal was made in bad faith; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 304.](#)

By Representatives Hightower of the 68th, Strickland of the 111th, Efstration of the 104th, Reeves of the 34th, Tanner of the 9th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-10-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fixing of sentence, so as to clarify service of consecutive sentences; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HR 280.](#)

By Representatives Cooke of the 18th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Brockway of the 102nd, Caldwell of the 20th, Clark of the 147th, and others:

A RESOLUTION requesting the United States Congress to repeal the Seventeenth Amendment to the United States Constitution; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HR 281.](#)

By Representatives Williamson of the 115th, Hitchens of the 161st, Dunahoo of the 30th, Abrams of the 89th, Fleming of the 121st, and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the contributions of the Republic of Turkey and the Turkic American Federation of Southeast and encouraging the creation of a Georgian-Turkish Friendship Task Force; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTERSTATE COOPERATION